



AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1754
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: METAL OXIDE POWDER AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE SAME

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ATTN: BOX AF
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

The claims are amended as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A metal oxide powder except α -alumina, comprising polyhedral particles having at least 6 planes each, a number average particle size of 40 μm or less and a D_{90}/D_{10} ratio of 5 or less where D_{10} and D_{90} are particle sizes at 10% and 90% accumulation, respectively from the smallest particle size side in a cumulative particle size curve of the